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RE BELIEVE INSTRUCTIONS ADEQUATE FOR NEXT ROUND. RE PARA 6  
 WISH NOTE THAT POSITION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY KHRUSHCHEV  
 ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS HAS BEEN THAT CHANGE IN STATUS  
 OF WEST BERLIN NECESSARY 1) FOR REASONS FOR SOVIET PRESTIGE;  
 2) TO PREVENT ADENAUER FROM ASPIRING MAKE BERLIN CAPITAL  
 OF WEST GERMANY (MYTEL 2887 MAY 24, 1961; AND 3) OCCUPATION  
 STATUS FACILITATES SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST  
 GDR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH I HAVE BEEN  
 UNABLE LOCATE EXACT QUOTATION I BELIEVE IN EXPLANATION  
 POINT 1 KHRUSHCHEV SAID MAINTENANCE OCCUPATION REGIME  
 AFTER SOVIET SIGNATURE SEPARATE TREATY WOULD SHOW THAT  
 WE CONSIDERED TREATY INVALID AND WOULD BE HUMILIATING  
 TO SOVIETS.

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GROMYKO HAS ALREADY MENTIONED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND  
 I ANTICIPATE HE WILL PRESS FURTHER ON THIS QUESTION.  
 SUGGEST THAT IN SUCH EVENT I STATE ANY ARRANGEMENT ABOUT  
 ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN WOULD HAVE TO APPLY EQUALLY  
 TO EAST BERLIN BUT THAT IN OUR OPINION BEST WAY TO DEAL  
 WITH SUCH ACTIVITIES IS SIMPLY ORAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN US  
 TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THEM SINCE THIS IN ANY EVENT  
 DEPENDS UPON GOODWILL OF BOTH SIDES.

SHOULD GROMYKO INQUIRE WHETHER WE ARE STILL READY TO  
 CONSIDER PROHIBITION ON ATOMIC ARMS IN BERLIN AND LIMITATION

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ON NUMBERS OF TROOPS, WHAT POSITION SHOULD I TAKE?

REGRET THAT SINCE BQD 37 NOV 30 DID NOT HAVE PROVISIONS  
RE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN BRACKETS I DID NOT REALIZE  
GERMANS WERE MAINTAINING RESERVATION. I TOUCHED THIS VERY  
LIGHTLY HOWEVER NOT GIVING COMPLETE LIST BUT DID SAY  
BOTH SIDES WOULD BE REPRESENTED AS WELL AS NEUTRALS AND  
DID MENTION EAST BERLIN AND EAST GERMANY AS POSSIBILITIES.

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